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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

NISHIMURA et al. 26817

Serial No. 10/607,767 Group Art Unit: 1621

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Confirmation No. 7413 Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCTION

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Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2006 please amend the above-identified application as follows: